

SAVE THE DATES!



Take Charge of Your Journey!

2015 Michigan Teen Conference

Wednesday-Thursday **June 17-18, 2015** at



7400 Bay Road, University Center, MI 48710

This special conference is for youth ages 14-21 preparing to exit foster care, their caregivers and the professionals who work with them.

Promote this event with foster youth and be pro-active: secure funding now!

Funding sources: YIT • MYOI • Private fund raising
See page 2 to calculate cost for your funding request.

Full event details to be issued by April 1.



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on Facebook!**

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EARLY CONFERENCE SPONSORS INCLUDE:

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Lutheran Social Services of Michigan
Michigan Department of Human Services—Youth In Transition
Michigan Federation for Children & Families
Saginaw Valley State University

Also find conference details at **www.michfed.org**

Sponsor opportunities will be announced soon!

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Do you know a youth in **Foster Care** or **Independent Living** or **Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care** who needs to learn about money management, employment, educational opportunities, health and wellness, or housing? If you do, then help them pre-register for the **2015 Michigan Teen Conference**.

Youth must be ages 14 to 21 and in Foster Care or Independent Living or Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care. If attendees are under the age of 18, a chaperone **MUST** attend the conference with them and accompany them at all times. Caretakers of the youth and professionals who work with teens are also invited. Attendees will sharpen their understanding of what is available and required for foster youth to make the challenging transition to adult life.



Use this registration information to calculate your funding request now!

Registrant	Fee
Chaperone (Note: One chaperone is required for every three youth.)	\$130* per person
Youth	\$130* per person
Other adults, caregivers, staff attending	\$130 per person
Each on-campus dorm suite accommodates 8 people (2 chaperones and 6 youth all the same gender)**	
Two nights (Tues.-Wed., June 16-17)	\$46 per person
One night (Wed., June 17)	\$23 per person

***County Youth In Transition funds CAN be used to pay for the youth to attend the conference** and for chaperones' travel costs only—mileage, meals (\$85 of the \$130 fee is for meals) and overnight room. YIT funds CANNOT be used for chaperones' cost of registration for the conference (\$45 of the \$130 fee). YIT funds can be accessed through the local DHS foster care worker. If your county has MYOI, consult your MYOI Coordinator for funds.

****ALTERNATIVELY**, overnight accommodations can be made at a nearby hotel for adults/staff other than chaperones.

What attendees have said about the Teen Conference:

"Everything was spot on!"

"Inspiring."

"I like this, I would love to come again."

What I liked best about the Teen Conference:

Talking to people who want to help us
Meeting other kids • Variety of speakers
Useful information • Everything • Activities

Workshops will feature topics such as:

- Career planning
- College supportive programs
- Health and well-being
- Housing
- Job search/employment
- Legal rights of youth in care (101) & as adults (401)
- Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiatives
- Money management—beginner (101) & advanced (401)
- Resources for older youth (ETV, YIT, YAVFC)
- Social media

In addition, a special **Walk Through Life** will feature numerous life stations to visit and resources to grab at this fun, interactive two-hour session. It is a chance for youth to put into practice many of the life skills they acquired during the conference. Stations will include:

- Education
- Employment
- Finances
- Housing
- Identification
- Transportation

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